

**Subject:** Weekly Report 2022-09-23

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**To:** NLLS Libraries, NLLS Libraries, Library Board Chairs, Staff-NLLS

Hello Board members, Library staff, and friends of Northern Lights Library System.

#### BOARD

- Read the [Board meeting highlights](#) from August 26<sup>th</sup>; Or the [full draft minutes](#).
- The next general board meeting will be Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, ONLINE (10:00am). The Executive will meet at 8am.
- The fall webinar series from the Alberta Non-profit Learning Centre are now available. Looking to hone your Board skills? [Check them out here](#).
- Ken Allen will be our new Legislative Advisor from the PLSB starting October 1<sup>st</sup>; Ken Allan - ken.allan@gov.ab.ca, 780-641-9363

#### OPERATIONS

- The migration from Cylance to FortiEDR is in its final stages (this is our network security software). We flip the switch on FortiEDR today. This is generally something we'd never do on a Friday but circumstances dictate we do. We'll be monitoring our helpdesk over the weekend should anyone need to report an issue. Tim provides [all the details in this message](#).
- We've been slowly painting the interior of the building for a long time now. The final offices got a fresh coat of paint this last weekend and room numbers are now up on the walls. It is looking sharp in the building these days.
- I met with the new library director in Lloydminster this week, Cheryl Sikora. This is week 3 on the job for her. This will be a new era for that library and I think we'll find a renewed friendship and potential partnerships with them. Welcome to Cheryl.
- We remained open for the day of mourning this past Monday.

#### LIBRARIES

- Library Manager's Council (LMC) is this Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> online. I've been double booked but I will be there for the first 45 minutes of the meeting. Some big things on the agenda: First look at our Power BI statistical dashboards, a new annual NLLS service survey, and more.
- I was out to the village of Glendon's community night this week. The mayor and CAO signed our membership agreement. I enjoyed signing a number of residents up for library services.
- Alliah sent out a message this week with the very last news on our Summer Reading Program for 2022 and the first message on our Winter Reading Program 2023. I would link to it here but there were a number of attachments. Check your inboxes.
- Did someone say CHOCOLATE? Order your Purdy's Chocolates before November 15<sup>th</sup>. [Order instructions](#).
- We will remain open for Truth and Reconciliation Day next Friday in support of our libraries. Many of our libraries will be open. There are a number of ways the day/week will be recognized. Mary sent an email this week full of places to find information on the day and ideas for recognizing it. [See it here](#).

Here are just a few ways libraries will be recognizing the day:

*"We will be setting up a tipi and explaining the traditional teachings of what each part of the tipi represents. We will also explain The Seven Grandfather Teachings with photos and explanations."*

*"We will wear Orange shirts, and take part in different online sessions in different grades at school. I have lots of books on display, and will plan to until the end of September."*

*"We have invited all children to come to the library to help us make an "Orange Shirt Garland" and we will decorate the Tipi with that garland to honor the Indigenous children who endured residential schools in Canada."*

*"Staff will be wearing our Orange shirts. We have a story walk planned for the week through the weekend. The story will be Our Orange Hearts"*

*"In addition to the activity of September 30th we will have to Workshops at the Library where a local Indigenous artist will be teaching how to make Beaded Jewelry in a 2-day workshop (October 1st. and Oct. 8th)"*

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### Zones

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Athabasca County	City of Cold Lake	Beaver County	County of Minburn County of Vermilion
S.V. of Bondiss	County of St. Paul	Lamont County	River
S.V. of Sunset Beach	County of Two Hills	Sturgeon County	M.D. of Wainwright
S.V. of Island Lake	Fishing Lake	Town of Bon Accord	Town of Vegreville
S.V. of Island Lake South	Frog Lake	Town of Bruderheim	Town of Vermilion
S.V. of Mewatha Beach	Lac La Biche County	Town of Gibbons	Town of Wainwright
S.V. of West Baptiste	M.D. of Bonnyville	Town of Lamont	Village of Chauvin
S.V. of Whispering Hills	S.V. of Pelican Narrows	Town of Morinville	Village of Edgerton
Smoky Lake County	Town of Bonnyville	Town of Mundare	Village of Innisfree
Thorhild County	Town of Elk Point	Town of Redwater	Village of Irma
Town of Athabasca	Town of St. Paul	Town of Tofield	Village of Kitscoty
Town of Smoky Lake	Town of Two Hills	Town of Viking	Village of Mannville
Village of Boyle	Village of Myrnam	Village of Andrew	Village of Marwayne
Village of Vilna		Village of Holden	Village of Paradise Valley
Village of Waskatenau		Village of Ryley	

If you have questions, concerns, compliments please direct them to the Executive Board representative for your zone.

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